Memorial Service For
National Evangelist

Dr. Reatha D. Morris Herndon

Sunrise
October 11, 1900

Sunset
March 31, 2005

Service
Monday, April 11, 2005
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ
1399 East Thirty-Third Street
Los Angeles, California 90011

Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr., Pastor

Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis
Jurisdictional Supervisor

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Prelate
First Assistant Presiding Bishop

Order of Service
Prelude

Master of Ceremony	**Elder Lee Andrew Davis**
Selection	**Emmanuel Choir**

"When I See the Blood"

Invocation	**Elder C. Campbell**
Old Testament Scripture	**Elder Lafayette Wilson**
New Testament Scripture	**Elder Cornelius Johnson**
Selection	**Emmanuel Choir**

"Oh the Blood Has Signed My Name"

Reflections
(3 minutes please)

Emmanuel Women's Department

Dr. Kathryn Bankhead
Evangelist Martha A. Alley
Evangelist Helen Davis, District Missionary
Evangelist Mattie Eskridge, President
Home & Foreign Mission

Selection **Emmanuel Choir**
"This is The Church Of God In Christ"

Elder & Ministers

Elder Archie D. Brooks
National Evangelist, Elder Henry Davis

REMARKS
(2 minutes please)

Selection **Emmanuel Choir**
"This is what I want The Lord to Say-Well Done"

Tribute **Evangelist Mary Snow**

Closing Remarks

Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr., Pastor

Reflections

Dr. Reatha Dora Morris Herndon was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma on October 11, 1900 to the union of Rev. J. H. Morris and Mrs. Sarah Robinson Morris. She and her twin sister Leatha Morris Tucker were the first born of six brothers and five sisters. They all have preceded her in death. Mother Reatha celebrated her 104th birthday on October 11, 2004.

It has been said that the Holy Ghost fell upon the family while kneeling in prayer for one of her sick brothers; and that is when the twins Reatha and Leatha received the Holy Ghost. They started sharing the gospel in 1915 and thousands of people were saved and blessed through their ministry.

Evangelist Reatha married Mr. T. C. Herndon on June 27, 1927, to this union two children were born. Bro. Herndon and the children preceded her in death. In 1932 Evangelist Reatha co-founded the National Department of Evangelist of the Church Of God In Christ with Bishop L.C. Page. She served as the only International-Elect lady from its inception. Her membership has been with Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ for over fifty (50) years. In 1950 she joined the Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of Bishop Samuel M. Crouch and served until his demise in 1976. After which she served under the pastorage of Elder Leroy Mardis and Elder Lincoln Fuller who preceded her in death; and continued to serve under the present Pastor Elder Wilbert Jones, Jr. until her demise.

She leaves to cherish her memory her granddaughter, Ms. Jacquelyn Thomas, grandson, Joseph Thomas, Jr., two nieces Gretta Ingram Brown, Tessie M. Thomas, one nephew Pastor Perry M. Ingram, a host of great grandchildren and great, great, great nieces and nephews, as well as her extended family, relatives, saints and friends.

A SOLDIER GONE HOME

Celebrating The Life & Times Of A Living Legacy

Dr. Retha Dora Morris-Herndon

Sunrise
October 11, 1900

Sunset
March 31, 2005

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 ~ 11:00 a.m.

West Angeles Church Of God In Christ
1314 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA

Officiant: Bishop Charles E. Blake

Order Of Service

Interlude ..... *LaTron Lester*

"In The Sweet Bye & Bye - Oh My Record Will" & "I'll Fly Away" & "When I Get Inside Of the Gate"

Mistress Of Ceremony ..... *Evangelist Lois Moore*

Prayer Of Comfort ..... *Evangelist Tammie Gibson*

Selection ..... *The Lords Prayer* ..... *LaTron Lester*

Scripture Reading .....

Old Testament ..... *Elder Raymond Pillars*

New Testament ..... *Elder Herman Laws*

Selection ..... *Evangelist Dessa Brox*

Official Remarks ..... ***Mother Elizabeth Nash***

Assistant General Supervisor of Women

***Evangelist Frances Harris**, Assistant Elect Lady*

International Department of Evangelism

Pastor Ron Hill

West Coast Region Department of Evangelism President

***Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis**, Supervisor of Women*

Southern California 1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop J. Benard Hackworth

Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Musical Tribute ..... *Jackie Laws*

Tributes From Missionary & Evangelist ..... *2 minutes*

Musical Tribute ..... *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"* ..... *Evangelist Willa Freeman*

Ecclesiastic Remarks ..... *Bishop Bernard Hackworth*

Tributes from Pastors ..... *2 minutes* ..... *Pastor Wilbert Jones, Jr.*

Pastor Calvin Holland

Pasotr Julius Rodgers

Representing the family ..... *Pastor Perry M. Ingram*

Obituary ..... *Evangelist Patricia Ford*

Sermonic Solo .....

Introduction of Speaker ..... *Pastor Ron Hill*

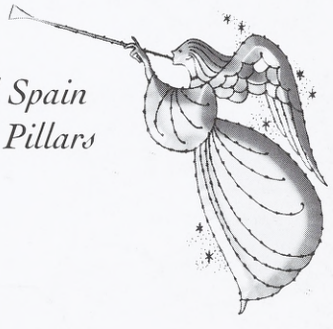
Eulogy ..... *Bishop Charles E. Blake*

Recessional ..... *Minister & Family*

Active Pallbearers

Bryon Spain
Chris Ballard

Michael Spain
Raymon Pillars



Herman Laws

Honorary Pallbearers

Pastor Perry Ingram
Elder Wright
President Richard White
Bro David Walker

Bro Calvin Holland
Elder Green
President Dennis Martin
International Department of Evangelism

Jonny R.
ERNEST
LIZZIE
TENNIE
LULA
THOMAS
MORRIS
REATHA
LEATHA

Obituary

During the turn of the century 1900, October 11th in the town of King Fisher, OK God blessed Reverend John H. Morris and Sara Robinson Morris with identical twin baby girls; Reatha Dora and Leatha Cora Morris. Being the youngest of six brothers and four sisters, they were little starlets. All twelve children were dedicated back to God at an early age.

Being taught about the love of God as they grew, the twins dedicated their lives to God and received the Holy Ghost in their teens. Promising they would serve God for the rest of their lives. After receiving their 8th grand diplomas, the twins set out to fulfill the Great Commission, and their promise to God.

Reatha and Leatha traveled together extensively playing their guitar and banjo they set out as trail-blazers for God in the ministry of singing, preaching and teaching as a team.

Later years, Reatha met Thomas C. Herndon whom she married June 27, 1927. To this union was born two children. Reatha Lee; daughter and Thomas C. Herndon (son), both preceded her in death.

Though her heart ached, she was more determined to live for God. Along with her twin Leatha, the two helped establish over seventy five churches in Buffalo, N.Y., St. Paul Minnesota, San Francisco, New York City, Washington, D.C. Kansas City MO, St. Joseph, MO, Springfield, MO, Joplin, MO, New Jersey (established the first Church Of God In Christ), St. Louis, MO, Oklahoma, Phoenix, Tucson, AZ, New Mexico, CA, Las Vegas, and Chicago.

In 1932 Mother Herndon, co-founded the National Department of Evangelism for the Church of God in Christ, Inc., with Bishop L.C. Paige.

Afterward, the Evangelist Department was established, and Bishop Paige worked with the Men's Department; and Mother Herndon worked with the Women's Department.
Mother Reatha Herndon ran many crusades and conducted many revivals throughout the United States.

In 1959 Mother Herndon joined the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Samuel M. Crouch. Her membership has been with

the church for over fifty years. Mother Herndon is an honorary member of the Testimonial Cathedral Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Bernard Hackworth.

Mother Herndon served faithfully in the evangelist field until her health began to fail.

During the closing of her service she taught many lessons of wisdom from her wheel chair. We give God the glory for her concept to establish an "Evangelist Training Center" for the Church Of God In Christ. This will be a living legacy to Dr. Reatha Dora Morris Herndon.

She leaves to cherish her memory a granddaughter, Jacquelyn Reatha Thomas, grandson, Joseph Thomas, Jr., great nephew Pastor Perry M. Ingram, great niece Mother Tessie M Thomas and Ms. Gretta Ingram Brown.

Extended family Pinky M., Michael L, and Bryon D.L. Spain, Earleen Bethia, Patricia Ford, Catherine T. Grandy, Glenna Wilson, Virgina and Chris Ballard, Raymond Pillars, Herman and Jackie Laws, Jacquelyn Sanderlin, Dr. Elizabeth Copeland, Juanita Bingham, Lois Moore, and Little Kathy, a host of great-great and great-great-great niece, nephews, relatives, saints, and friends.

Auntie, we will always remember your motto:

"I stand to be seen

I speak to be heard

And I sit down to be appreciated."

Evan Shirley Kelly
(323) 293 3773

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It is part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home,
When you are lonely and sick at heart.

Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows
In doing good deeds,
Miss Me, But Let Me Go.

THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

I've Climbed the Golden Stairs

When I have heard the heavenly choir
And left this temporal shore,
I'll thrill with rapture here unknown
As Jesus I adore
Old friends I've known long years
Ago will bid me welcome home;
Delighted in that bliss, I'll rest,
This earth no more to roam.
What joy will be my portion then,
All free from sin and pain!
With death forever past for me,
Don't wish me back again.
When you see this old shell of mind,
Don't think that I am there;
I've traveled on to live with God–I've
Climbed the golden stair!"